

Indiana Archaeology Month

September 2008

Calendar of Events



The **Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology** (DHPA), part of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, is proud to have coordinated Indiana Archaeology Month, the thirteenth annual statewide archaeology event.

Again this year, many exciting events will be available for the public to attend. We hope that more and more people will gain a greater appreciation for the science of archaeology and what it may teach us about the past. We encourage you to call either the contact person listed for the event or the Division (317/232-1646) to obtain information regarding the various activities.

A note for those bringing archaeological artifacts for identification to events- Monetary values will not be provided. The value of artifacts lies in what they can tell us about the past and the people who made them.

A list of those who have made Indiana Archaeology Month 2008 events possible is provided at the end of this document. We appreciate all that the event hosts, and participants, have done to make this another successful Archaeology Month.

You might want to double-check with event hosts regarding whether their location is on Central Time or not. When it was provided, we have included the Central Time information with the relevant events. To access a helpful map, please feel free to go to <http://www.state.in.us/core/files/Timezonespring.pdf>.

Note: Additional events may be added to the calendar after the date at the end of this document. Feel free to contact Amy Johnson, ajohnson@dnr.IN.gov, regarding any events which may be added later than the date this document was compiled.

Single day events are listed below first, followed by multiple day events.

Prior to Indiana Archaeology Month

August 16. *DHPA Prehistoric Roadshow.* Indiana State Fair, DNR Building front porch, Indianapolis, IN. 2- 4 pm. Bring an artifact for identification (no fossils please) and learn about Indiana archaeology from State Archaeologist Dr. Rick Jones and Amy Johnson, Senior Archaeologist and Archaeology Outreach Coordinator for DHPA. There will be free archaeology outreach materials available as well. To learn more about the DNR building area and activities, go to <http://www.in.gov/statefair/fair/agriculture/DNRbuilding.html> or <http://www.in.gov/dnr/13027.htm>. For additional information, contact the archaeologists at 317/232-1646.

August 20. The Sullivan County Public Library is hosting an archaeology program at 7 pm in the Sullivan County Public Library Annex, Sullivan, IN. For additional information, contact Rebecca Cole at rcole@sullivan.lib.in.us.

August 30. *Archaeology Day* at Turkey Run State Park, Marshall, IN. 10 am – 12 pm, 1pm - 4 pm EDT. Standard gate fee charge to enter the park (\$5 car in state; \$7 car out of state). DHPA Archaeologist Cathy Draeger will be on hand to identify artifacts. Ms. Draeger will also have free literature to distribute regarding Indiana archaeology. Prehistoric life skill demonstrations (with audience participation) will include: atlatl activities, a mock dig; petroglyph painting; fire starting and oil lamps; clay pinch pots; string making, and more. For additional information, contact Barbara Cummings at 765/597-2654 or bcummings@dnr.IN.gov.

Single Day Events

September 3. Angel Mounds State Historic Site, Evansville, IN. 7 pm. As part of the *70 Years of Discovery Celebration* at the site, there will be the 1st public showing of “Whispers of the Past” film. The film is a series of interviews with

three past Indiana University fieldschool students from 1945 (Patricia Delks), 1948 (Calvin Davis) and 1961 (Dr. William Dancey) regarding their time at the site and reminiscences of Glenn A. Black. The half hour film will be followed by a slide show with images from as far back as 1931 of the site. For further information, call 812/853-3956 or email angelmounds@dnr.IN.gov.

September 6. Artifact Identification- Taylor Center of Natural History, Strawtown Koteewi Park, Strawtown, IN. 10 am- 4 pm. Archaeologist Jim Mohow will be identifying stone tools and other Native American artifacts. For more information about this free event, call the Taylor Center of Natural History at 317/984-5556/ email tcnh@co.hamilton.in.us.

September 6. *Falls of the Ohio Archaeology Day.* Falls of the Ohio State Park, Clarksville, IN. 10 am - 4:00 pm EDT. Parking \$2. Sponsored by the Falls of the Ohio Archaeological Society. Enjoy educational displays, hands-on activities for the kids and much more. Archaeologists are available to date your artifacts and explain how they were used. Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) archaeologists will present “Transportation through Time” through poster displays. The INDOT staff will be able to answer questions as well. For additional information, contact Bett Etenohan at 812/280-8689, ext. 405, or betenohan@dnr.IN.gov.

September 6. Dubois County Museum, Jasper, IN. 10 am- 2 pm; 2:30 pm EDT. State Archaeologist Dr. Rick Jones will be conducting artifact identifications from 10am -2pm. He will also have free archaeological outreach materials available, and commemorative Archaeology Month t-shirts will be available for purchase. At 2:30, Dr. Jones will give a presentation on the archaeology of the county and changes to the historic preservation and archaeology law. Visit the museum’s exhibit on archaeology and Native Americans. No admission charge. For additional information, contact Mary Ann Hayes at 812/634-7733.

September 6. Lake Village Memorial Township Library, Lake Village, IN. 2- 5 pm CDT. The Newton County Public Library and Newton County Archaeology Club will host their second artifact show. The show allows members to display their collections, talk about avocational archaeology, and more. Free archaeology outreach materials will also be available. The public is welcome. For more information, contact Mary K. Emmrich, 219/992-3490, or auntthrax@hotmail.com.

September 7. Andersontown Powwow and Indian Market. Athletic Park, 410 E. 8th Street, Anderson, IN. 11 am- 4 pm. Adult admission is \$5.00. Dr. Rick Jones, State Archaeologist, will have a booth and will be available to identify artifacts and answer questions. Free archaeological outreach materials will also be available,

and commemorative Archaeology Month shirts will be available for purchase. For additional information, contact Debbie Webb at 765/617-4923 or debbie.webb@insightbb.com.

September 10. Angel Mounds State Historic Site, Evansville, IN. 7 pm. Dr. William Monaghan, Associate Director and Senior Scientist, Glenn A. Black Laboratory of Archaeology (Indiana University), will present “Mounds and Towns: What the Construction and Chronology of Mound A at the Angel Site (12Vg1) Tells us about the Mississippian Settlement in the Upper Ohio Valley.” This event is part of the *70 years of Discovery Celebration* at the site. For additional information, call 812/853-3956 or email angelmounds@dnr.IN.gov.

September 14. McCormick’s Creek State Park, Spencer, IN. 10 am – 4 pm EDT. The White River Valley Archaeological Association will present a program that will include: flintknapping demonstrations, an exhibit on excavation equipment and documents, information about archaeological site recordation, site preservation, exhibits of archaeological materials illustrating the archaeology of southwest Indiana and an exhibit of cherts from Indiana. The public is also invited to bring artifacts for identification and to participate in activities such as flintknapping and atlatl throwing. For further information, contact Curtis Tomak at 317/232-5210 or ctomak@indot.in.gov.

September 16. Lebanon Public Library, Lebanon, IN. 6:30 pm. Amy Johnson, Senior Archaeologist and Archaeology Outreach Coordinator with the Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology will give a presentation titled “Archaeology in Your Community.” Archaeological topics of various kinds will be discussed, as well as information on cemetery preservation. Archaeological outreach materials will be available for free. For further information, contact Jamey Hickson at lplgen@bccn.boone.in.us or 765/482-3460, ext. 261.

September 17. Angel Mounds State Historic Site, Evansville, IN. 7 pm. Dru McGill, 2008 Glenn A. Black Laboratory of Archaeology Field School Supervisor, will present “An Overview of the 2008 Angel Mounds Field School.” This event is part of the *70 years of Discovery Celebration* at the site. For additional information, call 812/853-3956 or email angelmounds@dnr.IN.gov.

September 17. Indiana State University, Holmstedt Hall Room 115, Terre Haute, IN. 6 pm EDT. Karla Hansen-Speer will present a lecture titled “People and Plants of Prehistoric Indiana.” For further information, contact Karla Hansen-Speer at khansenspee@isugw.instate.edu.

September 20. Ohio County Indiana Historical Society & Museum, 212 S. Walnut, Rising Sun, IN. 11 am- 4 pm. Prehistoric Native American Artifact Identification by archaeologist Jim Mohow. Cost of the program is admission to the museum. For further info, call 812/438-4915 or go to www.ohiocountyinmuseum.org.

September 20. *Eiteljorg Archaeology Day*. 9 am- 5 pm EDT. Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art, 500 W. Washington St., Indianapolis, IN. Many different and exciting archaeological activities will be available, including: atlatl demonstrations, an artifact roadshow, archaeological activities for children, and more. At 12:30, Dr. Rick Jones, State Archaeologist, will give a talk on archaeology, myth vs. fact, followed by a showing of the film *Raiders of the Lost Ark*. A question and answer session will follow. \$8 regular museum admission. Contact Merv Barenie, for additional information: mbarenie@eiteljorg.com, 317/275-1319.

September 20. The Native American Museum in Terre Haute, IN (5170 E. Poplar) will be hosting an artifact identification and ceramic activity. 12- 2 pm. DHPA Archaeologist Cathy Draeger will also be available to answer questions about archaeology in our state, distribute free archaeological outreach materials, and give a short presentation on prehistoric archaeology. Commemorative Archaeology Month shirts will be available for purchase. For additional information, contact Jane Creedon at 812/877-6007 or jane.creedon@terrehaute.in.gov.

September 22. Monon Public Library, Monon, IN. 7 pm EDT. DHPA Senior Archaeologist and Archaeology Outreach Coordinator Amy Johnson will give a presentation titled “Archaeology in Your Community~ Monon and White County Discoveries.” For additional information regarding this free program, contact Peggy Horton at 219/253-6517 or phorton@monon.lib.in.us.

September 27. Prophetstown State Park, West Lafayette, IN. 4 pm EDT. Dr. Rick Jones, State Archaeologist, will give a half hour presentation titled “The Rich History of Prophetstown” and will also be available for a half hour artifact identification session. Free archaeological outreach materials will be available, and commemorative Archaeology Month shirts will be available for purchase. For further information about this event, contact Caroline Powell at 765/567-4919 or prophetstowninterp@dnr.IN.gov.

September 27. *Public Archaeology at Boxley Cabin*. Veteran’s Park, Sheridan, IN. 8 am- 5 pm EDT. Tours will be available, and visitors can see artifact

processing, excavation, and more. To learn more, contact Chris Glidden at 274-8207 or kcglidde@iupui.edu.

September 27. Indiana State Museum, Indianapolis, IN. 11 am- 4 pm EDT. *Archaeology Fest* will feature hands-on activities, archaeology demonstrations, archaeology exhibits and more. Indiana Department of Transportation archaeologists will present “Transportation Through Time” through poster displays, and their archaeologists will be available to answer questions. Cathy Carson, Records Check Coordinator, will represent the DHPA and have free archaeology outreach materials available and commemorative Archaeology Month shirts available for purchase. For additional information, including admission cost details, contact Gail Brown at 317/234-2412 or gbrown@dnr.IN.gov; www.indianamuseum.org.

September 27. Strawtown Koteewi Park, in front of Taylor Center of Natural History, Strawtown, IN. 10 am – 4 pm. “Nature Dan” and Medicinal Plants. “Nature Dan” will go back in time when characters like “Joe Pye” and Sassafras Sally” depended on plants for medicine and sustenance. Visitors will learn about medicinal plant uses and benefits as practiced by Native Americans and early pioneers alike. For more information regarding this free program, call 317/984-5556 or email tcnh@co.hamilton.in.us.

September 28. The Children’s Museum of Indianapolis, Indianapolis, IN. 7 pm EDT. Professor Cheryl Ward, Department of Anthropology, Florida State University, will present a lecture titled “Building an Ancient Egyptian Ship for the First Time. Hatshepsut’s Punt Reliefs and *Min of the Desert*.” RSVP to Jesse Woods at 317/334-4605 if you plan to attend. For additional information go to <http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/wlac/AIA/lecture.html> or contact Prof. Robert Sutton at rfsutton@iupui.edu; 317/274-2497. Dr. Sutton can provide information about dinner with the speaker before the lecture.

Multiple Day Events

August 30- September 1. (30th- 11am- 10 pm; 31st- 11 am- 10 pm; Sept. 1- 9 am- 5 pm EDT). *Archaeology Weekend* at Spring Mill State Park, 3333 SR 60 E, Mitchell, IN. There will be a variety of programs and activities, including: a public-participation excavation, demonstrations, crafts and much more. Park

entrance fee is \$5/vehicle (Indiana residents), \$7/vehicle (out-of-state). For additional information, contact Jill Vance at jvance@dnr.IN.gov or 812/849-4129.

September 2-7. Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday 11 am - 5 pm, Thursday and Friday 11 am - 9 pm, Sunday noon - 5 pm. The exhibit *To Live Forever: Egyptian Treasures from the Brooklyn Museum* will be at the Indiana Museum of Art, Indianapolis. Learn about Egyptology during Indiana Archaeology Month at this exhibit which will explore the ancient Egyptian belief that death was an enemy that could be beaten through proper preparation. 120 objects from this world-renowned collection will be on display. For further information, go to <http://www.imamuseum.org/exhibitions/toliveforever/>.

September 4-7. Washington Park, Michigan City, IN. Various times for events. Come see the Denis Sullivan Tallship. Day sails and deck trips will be available. Learn more about Lake Michigan maritime history at this free event. For further information, contact Mike Molnar, Indiana DNR Lake Michigan Coastal Program, at 317/233-0132; mmolnar@dnr.IN.gov. Information also available at <http://www.in.gov/newsroom.htm>.

Sept. 5-7. White River Valley Antique Show, Daviess County Fairgrounds, Elnora, IN. 9 am- 4:30 pm (EDT). A display of Native American artifacts will be available to view. On September 5th, Division of Reclamation Archaeologist Tim Wright will be on hand to answer questions, identify artifacts, and distribute free archaeological outreach materials. Archaeology Month shirts will be available for purchase. For further information, contact Richard Cottrell at 812/636-4847 or rdcoll@rtccom.net.

September 13-14. *Archaeology Weekend* at Mounds State Park, Anderson, IN. 11 am- 4 pm EDT. This weekend will include artifact displays and identification, archaeology topics by Indiana Department of Transportation archaeologists (including a poster displays on “Transportation Through Time”), hands-on activities, short workshops, a public archaeological dig by Ball State University, archaeologist-led hikes, and more. State Park entrance fee of \$5/car. Event programs are free and open to the public. For further information, contact Angie Manuel at 765/649-8128 or amanuel@dnr.IN.gov.

September 23-October 11 (Tuesdays through Saturdays). 9 am – 4 pm. Celebrate Archaeology Month at Strawtown Koteewi Park, Hamilton County. Indiana University Purdue University-Fort Wayne will be on site conducting archaeological surveys which will be open to the public. Naturalist staff will be

available for site tours and discussions about the site. Free pre-registered group tours will take place at the Taylor Center for Natural History located at the park in Strawtown. Organized groups such as school field trips, scouts and adult clubs are welcome as well as smaller family and citizen groups. For more information or to pre-register for a tour, please call Amanda Smith, Supt. of Natural Resources and Education at 317/848-0576. Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis, so please confirm early.

September 26-28. *Native American Days* at Angel Mounds State Historic Site, Evansville, IN. Friday 9 am- 5 pm; Sat. 11 am- 9 pm; Sunday 11 am- 5 pm. A weekend of fun will include several demonstrators, including a dance circle and Indian market, as well as food from a number of vendors. To learn more about the event, including entrance fees, contact Haley Tallman (812/853-3956/htallman@dnr.IN.gov) or Rocky Brown (812/853-3956/rbrown@dnr.IN.gov).

Entire Month Events-

Sunken Cities and Shipwrecks: The Growing World of Underwater Museums. Exhibit at the Mathers Museum of World Cultures, 416 North Indiana Avenue Bloomington, IN. Exhibit halls are open Tuesdays- Fridays, 9 am- 4:30 pm; Saturdays and Sundays, 1- 4:30 pm. This exhibit introduces visitors to a new kind of museum. Featured is a variety of artifacts, photographs, a replica of a cannon and ballast stones, all related to maritime history. Issues related to treasure hunting and site preservation are discussed. For further information, please call 812/855-6873 or email mathers@indiana.edu.
www.mathers.indiana.edu/exhibits/under.html.

Archaeology Exhibit at the Irvington Branch of the Marion County Public Library, Irvington, IN. Hours: Monday-Thursday 10am – 8 pm. Friday 10am – 6 pm, Saturday 10am – 5 pm. The Archaeology Team of the Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology has put together an archaeology exhibit in the lobby of the library for the public to enjoy. Learn more about archaeology in our state and the exciting discoveries which are being made. To contact the library, call 317/275-4450.

Just After Indiana Archaeology Month-

October 4. Strawtown Koteewi Park, Strawtown, IN. 9 am – 2 pm. Come take part in the ancient activity of throwing atlatls. Atlatls were Native American

hunting tools and were used for thousands of years. Erik Vosteen will begin by introducing participants to the equipment and techniques, history, and other information. Then everyone can practice casting some darts. Spectators and enthusiasts are welcome at this free event. Please check in at the Taylor Center of Natural History's front desk when you arrive for information regarding atlatl "tee" times. For further information, please call 317/984-5556 or email tcnh@co.hamilton.in.us.

Hosts and Participants for 2008 Events

Hamilton County Parks and Recreation Department

Indiana University Purdue University Fort Wayne- Archaeological Survey

Native American Museum

Monon Public Library

Sheridan Historical Society

IUPUI Department of Anthropology

Town of Sheridan

Sheridan Public Library

Sheridan Community Schools

Central Indiana Society of the Archaeological Institute of America

The Children's Museum of Indianapolis

DNR, Angel Mounds State Historic Site

Indiana University, Glenn A. Black Laboratory of Archaeology

DNR, Falls of the Ohio State Park

Indiana Department of Transportation

DNR, Spring Mill State Park

Sullivan County Public Library

Falls of the Ohio Archaeological Society

Lebanon Public Library

Indiana University, Mathers Museum of World Cultures

Indianapolis Museum of Art
Andersontown Powwow & Indian Market (Central Indiana Powwow)
White River Valley Antique Association
DNR, Division of Reclamation
Newton County Public Library
Newton County Archaeology Club
Lake Village Memorial Township Library
White River Valley Archaeological Association
DNR, McCormick's Creek State Park
Turkey Run State Park
Indiana State University, Anthropology Program
DNR, Indiana State Museum
DNR, Prophetstown State Park
DNR, Mounds State Park
Friends of Angel Mounds
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Dubois County Museum
DNR, Lake Michigan Coastal Program
Ball State University
Irvington Branch of the Marion County Public Library

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